The scheme encourages poor sections to avail of loan facilities through Commercial Banks/Housing Finance Companies for the purposes of construction/acquisition of houses and avail 5% subsidy in interest payment for loans upto Rs. 1 lakh.

Further, with a view to encourage allotment of land for EWS, under the newly launched Scheme of 'Affordable Housing in Partnership', Central Government assistance will be provided on a progressive scale vis-a-vis built up area earmarked for EWS/LIG as a percentage of total constructed area. The assistance would be available for the provision of civic services such as water supply including ground level/overhead service reservoirs, storm water drainage, solid waste management, sewerage including common sewerage treatment facilities, rain water harvesting, approach roads, electricity lines etc.

Attitude of Indian embassies/consulates

3147. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any complaints from the Overseas Indians of non-co-operation, rude behaviour and callous attitude on the part of Indian Embassies/Consulates; and

(b) if so, the action the Ministry has taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) Complaints are received occasionally against Indian Missions and Posts. They are generally in the nature of complaints regarding non-accessibility of the staff, non-responsiveness or discourteous behaviour. As and when such complaints are received they are brought to the notice of the Heads of Missions for necessary corrective action.

Job losses in Dubai

3148. DR. BARUN MUKHERJI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a considerable number of Indians working in Dubai are recently being summarily dismissed from their jobs;

(b) if so, the reasons and the number of Indians who have so far lost their jobs; and

(c) the steps Government of India contemplates to take to ensure adequate compensation to them by their employers and their rehabilitation in India?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Unemployment due to Dubai economic crisis

†3149. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.